

**Miss Mineola Fire Department Rodeo
Jr Miss Mineola Fire Department Rodeo
Rules and Regulations**

1. Contestant Must:

1. Have been born a female.
2. Be a legal resident of the United States.
3. Be a student in good standing.
4. Not be or have been married, nor had a marriage nullified.
5. Not be or have been pregnant.
6. Have not been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony of any kind.
7. Live up to 200miles of Mineola TX.
8. Jr.Miss Division 10-15, Miss Division age 16-21 as of **May 26, 2018**

2. Any contestant currently holding a title may compete only if current title will be relinquished by September 30, 2018 and also with proven consent from the board members of the current title.

3. All contestants will be responsible for \$75.00 early entry fee **by May 26, 2018** and 1 silent auction item \$15.00 minimum due by contest day. Late entry of \$100.00 will be due During **May 27- June 2, 2018**. The entry fee will be used for contest expenses and awards. All entry fees are nonrefundable.

4. All contestants will be responsible for their own transportation and will be required to have a horse on the grounds at all times during the rodeo.

5. Miss MFDR will receive a \$1000.00 scholarship and awards, Jr. Miss MFDR will receive \$250.00 cash and awards. All contest categories will be awarded. If in the case of a tie, the tiebreaker will be the contestant with the highest scoring points in the interview portion of the contest.

6. All contestants will be required to submit two **digital** 5x7 VERTICAL BUST SHOT. (Vertical bust shot means head and shoulders). One photo in full color and one photo in black and white. Each photograph must be in "dress" rodeo attire. (NO PROPS, CROWNS OR BANNERS ALLOWED) A release from your photographer is required with your application. Any photographs received that do not meet the above specifications will be excluded from the photogenic judging category.

7. All contestants will compete in each event dressed in full rodeo attire. **All outfits require boots, hat and belt. No Straw Hats during any part of the competition.** Refrain from using stampede strings during horsemanship and rodeo nights.

8. During the rodeo, contestants will be on horseback for the grand entry and queens run introductions. All contestants must have their contestant number and stay in rodeo dress attire at all times.

9. Any unsportsmanlike or dishonest conduct by a contestant and/or relatives will result in immediate disqualification from the contest and all awards. Social media included.

10. Current Jr. Miss MFDR or past Jr. Miss MFDR title holders are eligible to compete in the Miss MFDR division regardless of age.

11. You must realize that if you win the title, some expense will be required to furnish clothing for required appearances. Travel expenses will not be provided; the winner will have a contract to be signed after the last night of the rodeo.

12. All contestants are required to sell rodeo tickets and/or collect donations. A minimum of \$500.00 must be sold to compete for the title. All contestants that do not meet the requirement will not be eligible to win any categories.

REMINDER! ALL TICKET SALES WILL GO TO THE MINEOLA FIRE DEPTMENT NOT THE CONTEST.

13. Ticket Sales and/or Donation amount bonus point diagram.

\$600.00	\$700.00	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$1000.00
+2	+2	+2	+2	+2

Additional Categories Awarded

Top Ticket Sales: This portion of the contest will be based on the highest dollar amount sold. The contestant will be awarded. Money will be turned in to the Mineola Fire Department Secretary **July 12, 2018**.

People's Choice: This will be awarded to the contestant with the most "Likes" by the public on Facebook. The voting will be closed **July 12, 2018**. For Jr. Miss & Miss Contestants.

Congeniality: Each contestant will vote for a fellow contestant on **July 12, 2018** and be announced during the rodeo. For Jr. Miss & Miss Contestants.

Judged categories include:

A. Interview: Judges will interview each individual for up to 10 minutes. Questions will come from the given study packet. With this portion each contestant can earn 0-55 points. The highest scoring contestant will receive an award for this category. For Jr. Miss & Miss Contestants.

B. Modeling: This portion will be held during the luncheon. Each contestant will individually model a western style outfit. Dresses are not mandatory. This portion each contestant can earn 0-10 points. The highest scoring contestant will receive an award for this category. For Jr. Miss & Miss Contestants.

C. Speech: This portion will be held immediately after each contestant models. Each contestant will individually recite a prepared speech on the topic of rodeo or Mineola no longer than 5min. This portion each contestant can earn 0-20 points. The highest scoring contestant will receive an award for this category. For Jr. Miss & Miss Contestants.

D. Horsemanship: Each contestant will individually perform a pattern that will be followed by a horsemanship interview that will be timed of 10 minute and queens run following. Each contestant will wear blue jeans with a white collared long sleeve shirt, belt and cowboy hat. With this portion each contestant can earn 0-55 points. The highest scoring contestant will receive an award for this category. For Jr. Miss & Miss Contestants.

E. Photogenic: This will be judged by the Mineola Fire Department members and awarded. For Jr. Miss & Miss Contestants.

Point Breakdown

Horsemanship	0-55		
Interview	0-55		
Modeling	0-10	\$600-\$1000 Sales	<u>+2-10 Points</u>
Speech	<u>0-20</u>		Total 0-10
Total	0-140		

Contestant Tee Shirt Size_____

Release of Liability

I understand being a non-paid contestant, applicant, and participating in the Miss Mineola Fire Department Rodeo Contest, which is sponsored by the Mineola Fire Department Rodeo and recognizing that said sponsor is a non-profit organization; and recognizing the non-profit nature of the Contest, and as an express consideration for being allowed to enter the contest, hereby release said Mineola Fire Department Rodeo from any and all claims or demands for liability for accidents or any other liabilities and makes said agreement for herself, her heirs, and executors, and states that she is of lawful age and legally entitled to make this complete release or if she is a teenage contestant, one parent is to sign the release.

Miss Mineola Fire Department Rodeo Photo Release and Facebook Policy Form

The Miss Mineola Fire Department Rodeo Contest uses photographs of contestants, title holders, committee members, and events in its publications and on its website and Facebook page. Please sign this release form to grant the library permission to use your child's photo.

I hereby grant permission to the Mineola Fire Department Rodeo committee to use my photograph on its website, Facebook page, or in other official printed publications without further consideration, and I acknowledge the committee's right to crop or treat the photograph at its discretion. I also acknowledge that the committee may choose not to use my photo at this time, but may do so at its own discretion at a later date. The committee reserves the right to discontinue use of photos without notice.

I also understand that once my image is posted on the Miss Mineola Fire Department Rodeo Facebook page, the image can be downloaded. I release the Miss Mineola Fire Department Rodeo committee from any expectation of confidentiality and agree to indemnify and hold harmless from any claims the following:

- Mineola Fire Department Rodeo committee

I also understand that only photos, information, and comments that promote the Miss Mineola Fire Department Rodeo pageant will be posted to the Miss Mineola Fire Department Rodeo Facebook page. I understand that negative comments/criticism, profane language, or photos that are not in keeping with the standards of court members representing the Rodeo are not acceptable and will be deleted.

For persons under the age of 18, the permission of a parent or guardian is required on this Photo Release Form.

It would be to your benefit to keep a copy of the rules and regulations, and liability release forms for reference. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, contact Madelyn Thompson at (903)569-8000 or (903)330-1954.

PLEASE SIGN IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING AND RETURN WITH YOUR APPLICATION

CONTESTANT: _____ DATE: _____

CONTESTANT
PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ DATE: _____

Mail application to:
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Mineola TX. 75773